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records. this is the earliest class roll available. it was made in 1872 by Rev. Joseph Grickerberger. In the notes taken from the old conference records you will find that he says that there are no records, and that the class was kept only on a sheet of paper. conference records and everything dates from 1872. Perhaps the others had been destroyed for Greenbank was as near the Civil War fortification as perhaps few had been kept. Greenbank was on the Mantonville circuit from 1846 to 1852. as far as when Greenbank circuit was

NEW SALEM---GREEN BANK METHODIST

As has been previously stated, the people of this community first worshiped at Deer Creek Union Chapel at Arboreale. This church was used by both the Methodists and the Presbyterians. There was a misunderstanding and the Methodists withdrew and built the old log church at Greenbank called New Salem in 1839. The Presbyterians then decided they needed a better church and they built Liberty Church. The Methodists not wishing to be outdone also built a new church. This church was built in 1866 and was also dedicated New Salem but it is never called by that name.

The deed was given in July 1866 by James Wooddell and Jane Wooddell his wife, to Isaac Moore, Wm. J. Wooddell, John Conrad, Samuel W. Sutton, John Wooddell, Allen C. Burner, Adam Arbogast, George W. Siple and Oscar Butcher, trustees, in consideration of the sum of \$50. cash, a tract of land in Greenbank in Focshontes county. That they shall erect thereon a place of worship for the M. S. Church in the U. S.A. On Nov. 29, 1866 the heirs of James Wooddell willed to the same trustees an additional strip of land beginning at the corner of Academy lot, to be used as an addition to the church lot.

This church was built across the road from the old log church.

It was at first used by all Methodists, but after the Civil War the M. S. South members bought out the M. L. members, and it became an M. S. South church.

Class Roll for Green Bank W. E. Church, South

Name-----	Date admitted
John W. Sutton -----	1838
Olisa J. Sutton -----	1842
Andrew J. Wooddell-----	1849
William Wooddell -----	1849
John S. Wooddell-----	1849
Nancy A. Sheets -----	1847
Samuel W. Sutton	
Margaret Sutton	
James Wooddell	
Jane Wooddell	
James Sutton -----	1867
Wilde Sutton	
Davis E. Sutton -----	1870
Marietta Sutton	
Jane Gillispie	
Am. T. Sutton	
Martha Wooddell	
Francie Wooddell	
John A. Gillispie	
Lucinda Gillispie	
Sarah Gun	
Elizabeth Nottingham	
Mary Wooddell -----	1855
Jacob Wooddell	
Nancy Wooddell	

Henry sheets ----- 1872
 Araminta Wooddell ----- 1872
 Jacob Kerr
 Pheta Kerr
 Jane sheets
 James G. Arbogast
 Callie Arbogast
 Wm. T. Arbogast
 Mary Arbogast
 Louisa sheets
 Senila Nottingham
 Hannah Siple
 Hannie Wooddell ----- 1872
 James P. Wooddell
 Hulda Womrad
 John Patterson----- 1867
 E. M. Patterson
 Lewis Fugh
 Mary Hartman
 Martha Gillispie
 Ann Gunn
 Mary Slaven
 Elizabeth Gillispie
 Eliza Hughes
 Brown M. Arbogast
 Francis Arbogast
 Rachel Kerr
 Wilson Fugh
 Marietta Fugh

Hannah McElvae
 W. H. Hull
 Rachel Hull
 Hiram Wooddell
 Squire L. Brown
 Mary Brown
 Annie Doyle
 George A. Burner
 b. F. Jackson
 Jennie Jackson
 Sarah Clark
 Annie Cheate
 Lucy A. Clark----- 1873
 George W. Beverage----- "
 Charles W. Sutton----- "
 Alice Kerr ----- "
 Florella Brown ----- "
 Estaline Wooddell----- "
 Hester Brown ----- "
 Elizabeth Hamilton ----- "
 Caroline Warwick ----- "
 Maggie F. Moore ----- "
 Rebecca Conrad ----- "
 U. C. Arbogast ----- "
 Mary Aita Sutton----- "
 Jacob Willispie ----- "
 James P. Wooddell ----- "
 Oscar Slaven ----- "

Mary Ann Curry	-----	1873
Annie F. Holland	-----	1873
James Hamilton	-----	"
Joseph Hamilton	-----	"
Anna Curry	-----	1874
George Curry	-----	"
Laura Curry	-----	"
Aldridge Sutton	-----	"
Arctes P. Arbogast	-----	"
James A. Sharp	-----	"
Robert S. Gun	-----	"
Rechel S. Sutton	-----	"
Caroline Sutton	-----	"
Crawford S. Carpenter	-----	"
Sellie Carpenter	-----	"
Richard Fitzgerald	-----	"
Samuel McCalpin	-----	"
Margaret McCalpin	-----	"
Alice Gun	-----	"
Sherman Sutton	-----	"
Peter Warwick	-----	"
Margaret Arbogast	-----	"
Louisa Arbogast	-----	"
Mollie Orndorff	-----	"
Samuel J. Sutton	-----	"
Martha Gillispie	-----	"
Carrie Siple	-----	"
Eliza Woodsell	-----	"
Sarah Sheets	-----	"

Lucinda Alderman	-----	1876
James Meeks	-----	"
Augustus Tracy	-----	"
Maggie Arvin	-----	"
Elijah Fainter	-----	"
John Holland	-----	"
Henry Isinger	-----	"
Bertie Yeager	-----	"
Mary Orndorff	-----	"
Squire B. Gillispie	-----	"
Robert Noel	-----	"
Wilson Pugh	-----	"
Charles Willispie	-----	"
Thomas O. Murry	-----	"
Mellie Patterson	-----	"

Records show that Samuel G. Sutton, Sr. was the Class Leader in the Greenbank church for around 30 years, and that Wm. M. Hull was Supt. for many years. When Samuel Sutton passed away Martin Sutton took his place in the church and was class leader for many years.

At the present time (1940) Greenbank church has 123 members. The Stewards are Clarence A. Sheets, Ward McLaughlin, W. H. Sheets, and W. D. Stevens.

Trustees- C. A. Sheets, E. S. Arbogast, D. C. Taylor, and W. H. Sheets.

S. S. Supt. W. H. Sheets

Teachers- Mrs. W. H. Sheets, S. W. Hedrick, Rachel Wooddell,

The first defendant, Mrs. [Name], wife of [Name], and [Name],
and the second defendant, [Name], are [Name]

[Name] of a [Name] society of [Name] justice, called
[Name] of [Name] [Name] with the [Name] wife, Mrs.
[Name] [Name], as the [Name]